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- b. [] training brigades for recruits were organized. Such brigades were intended to have a strength of 1,200. The present strength of a training brigade is 800. The training brigades which were organized in the various military districts have been distributed as follows to the various divisions:
- (1) 1st Division, Tirana, was assigned the 7th and 8th Training Brigades of the 1st Military District, as well as the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Training Brigades of the 2nd Military District. The 1st Military District includes the Prefectures of Tirana, Durres, and Elbasan; the 2nd Military District consists of the Prefectures of Vlone, Gjinokaster, Berat, and Korce.
 - (2) 2nd Division, Pogradec, was assigned the 1st Training Brigade of the 1st Military District, the 4th and 5th Brigades of the 2nd Military District, as well as the 6th and 7th Brigades of the 3rd Military District. The third Military District consists of the Prefectures of Shkoder and Kukes.
 - (3) 3rd Division, Gjinokaster, was assigned the 2nd Training Brigade of the 1st Military District, the 6th and 7th Brigades of the 2nd Military District, as well as the 4th and 5th Brigades of the 3rd Military District.
 - (4) 4th Division, Pier, was assigned the 4th and 6th Training Brigades of the 1st Military District, the 10th Brigade of the 2nd Military District, as well as the 1st and 2nd Brigades of the 3rd Military District.
 - (5) DMP Division, Tirana, was assigned the 3rd and 5th Training Brigades of the 1st Military District, the 8th and 9th Brigades of the 2nd Military District, as well as the 3rd Brigade of the 3rd Military District.

c. Training strength of Military Districts.

1st Military District has a total of 6,400 recruits, organized into 8 Training Brigades.

2nd Military District has a total of 8,000 recruits, organized into ten Training Brigades.

3rd Military District has a total of 5,000 recruits, organized into 7 Training Brigades.

- d. In all, a total of 20,000 men were called up. Since in Albania a one year class can produce at most 10,000 men eligible for service, and of these at most 7,000 would be physically fit, it is presumed that Albania has followed Yugoslavia's example in training three yearly classes.
5. Military schools. At the military academy in Tirana, the training period is three years. The instructors are Soviet and Yugoslav officers. Most attention is given to political instruction. At the end of 1946, 500

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young men reported for military training in Durres; of these, half were sent to the Petar Drapsin Tank School (in Yugoslavia), and the other half were sent for training to the Soviet Union.

6. Training with division staffs. At Pogradec, Gjinokaster, and Fier, courses are held for officers, non-commissioned officers, and enlisted men of special units. The courses are conducted by Soviet and Yugoslav officers.

II Air Force

7. Organization of a squadron. The organization of an Albanian air squadron is the same as the Yugoslav. Breakdown of personnel is as follows:

Commander
Deputy commander
Political commissar
3 navigators
10 pilots
12 flight mechanics
12 assistant mechanics
2 electricians

Total: 42.

- 25X1 8. Air Force strength. [] the Albanian air force includes about 300 Soviet fighter planes and Yugoslav light bombers. Some of the squadrons have Albanian pilots who received their training in the Soviet Union and were landed in Tirana in January 1947. It must be assumed that not all of the above mentioned 300 planes are currently available, since Albania has only one air group, consisting of four or five squadrons, with headquarters in Tirana. A squadron is made up of Macchi 205 and 207 fighter planes, Soviet Yak fighters, and Petljakow light bombers. It thus contains a total of about 60 planes.

9. Air fields.

- a. Tirana -- has civil and military airfield with a concrete runway two kilometers long, and 30 meters wide. Yugoslav specialists extended and modernized this field. Guard duty is performed by a company of soldiers.
- b. Sakoder -- has an airfield with a runway two meters long by 30 meters wide.
- c. Ujt's ftohte (Kricneri) -- has an airfield for fighter planes. It was widened and improved.
- d. Brret -- has an auxiliary landing field, which was widened and improved.
- e. Devoli -- likewise has an auxiliary landing field, which was widened and improved.
- f. Vlone -- has a seaplane base, which is under Soviet control.

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g. Korce or Tepelene -- the airfield here serves as a base for General Markos' "air force", and has Messerschmidt, Junkers, and Caproni planes stationed on it.

10. Air Force technical school. [] there is an air force technical school (for telegraphers, radio repairmen, and stenographers) near the Tirana air field, attended by 600 young men and women. Soviet and Yugoslav instructors conduct the courses at this school.

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11. Personnel strength. The strength of the Albanian air force is estimated at 1,000 men.

III Navy

12. The General Directorate of the Navy is located at Vlone. It is immediately subordinate to the Ministry of National Defense.

13. The Navy consists of the following vessels:

1 gunboat, with a medium caliber cannon and two anti-aircraft guns. It carries a crew of 100. Its home port is Durres.

10 torpedo boats, stationed at the submarine base of Vlone. These cruise in the Saseno-Punta Faro (sic) sector.

Motorboats armed with machine guns. Several motorized sailing vessels armed with machine guns.

10 unarmed motorboats.

1 former German tugboat.

1 large mine-layer, with a Soviet and Yugoslav crew. Its home port is probably Vlone.

2 former German observation ships are assigned to the naval school at Durres.

14. The Navy is scheduled to receive a small war ship of 250 tons, the "Illyria" []

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15. Naval Bases.

a. Vlone has a harbor for ships of medium tonnage as well as for medium-sized coastal sailing vessels. It also has a landing place for seaplanes.

b. Durres has a pier 250 meters in length, suitable for coastal sailing vessels. A pier for warships of medium tonnage is planned.

c. Himare. [] submarine pens and underwater bases are being built here. All these construction projects are under the supervision of Soviet and Yugoslav engineers and technicians.

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16. Naval specialist school for non-commissioned officers. In Durres, a specialist school for naval non-commissioned officers and specialists has been set up. Soviet and Yugoslav officers supervise the school and conduct the training. This school has been assigned the two above-mentioned former German observation ships.

17. Strength. The Albanian Navy has a strength of about 500 men.

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